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3RD DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2022

Dear Neighbor,

I would like to welcome you to Milwaukee County's new 3rd Supervisory District! Every ten years, Milwaukee County is required to change its Supervisory District maps so that each County Supervisor represents the same number of residents (approximately 53,000 people per district). With population shifts in Milwaukee County, Supervisory Districts must reflect these changes.

While most of the 3rd District boundaries have remained the same, roughly one-third of you receiving this letter are new to the district. I'm excited to gain areas of Milwaukee – including Brady Street, the Deer District, MSOE, MIAD, parts of Downtown, and much of Walker's Point. I look forward to meeting you!

For those new to the district, my name is Sheldon Wasserman. I have had the great honor of representing our district on the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors since 2016 and was re-elected in April of this year. In the past, I represented Milwaukee's East Side and North Shore in the Wisconsin State Legislature from 1995 to 2009. On the County Board, I am proud to serve as Chair of the Parks & Culture Committee. I am also a practicing OB-GYN at Columbia St. Mary's Hospital and have had the pleasure of helping to deliver over 5,000 babies.

I know I may be biased, but I firmly believe we live in the best district in Milwaukee County. Our district is diverse and has some of the best neighborhoods and attractions that Milwaukee County has to offer. We have the most County Parks of any district – including such jewels as Lake Park, Veterans Park, Bradford Beach, and McKinley Beach – as well as great cultural landmarks like the War Memorial, Milwaukee Art Museum, Fiserv Forum, Summerfest, Discovery World, and so much more.

Not to mention, we're lucky to have campuses for the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, the Milwaukee School of Engineering, and the Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design all within our district, educating future generations and keeping talent within Milwaukee County.

2022 was a very busy year on the County Board, and I'm happy to say that we made progress on several initiatives that will benefit 3rd District residents – including finally reopening the Lake Park Bridge, securing funding for the new Milwaukee Public Museum, taking the necessary steps to safely reopen McKinley Beach next year, repairing dilapidated sections of the Oak Leaf Trail, and so much more. Further information on each of these projects is provided within this newsletter, so keep reading!

I have provided information on resources available to Milwaukee County residents, as well as "Free Days" at local attractions. My email address and phone number are listed, and we have also included a survey that you can fill out either online or through the email – I look forward to reading your responses. Please do not hesitate to reach out with your questions, concerns, comments, or suggestions. My office is your office!

Sincerely,

Sheldon A. Wasserman – County Supervisor, District 3

Lake Park Bridge Finally Reopened



After nearly a decade of closure and construction, the historic Ravine Bridge in Lake Park was finally reopened to the public this Autumn, fulfilling my top promise to 3rd District residents

since I was first elected back in 2016. I am grateful to Bartolotta Restaurants for catering this wonderful reopening ceremony and to all our friends & neighbors from Milwaukee County and beyond who showed up to celebrate.

Preserving such an important cultural landmark for future generations to use and enjoy would not have been possible without the hard work and financial contributions of Lake Park Friends, and I am thankful for their help in moving this project forward over the last eight years.

McKinley Beach to Safely Reopen in 2023

Prior to McKinley Beach closing in 2020, dangerous rip current conditions resulted in multiple drownings and near-drownings. Following these tragedies, I led the effort to secure funding for a repaired, redesigned beach. I am thankful to my colleagues for unanimously approving this funding and to County Executive David Crowley for signing my resolution.

Absent this action, McKinley Beach would have remained closed indefinitely. McKinley Beach is now on track on to reopen to the public next year.

Architect Olmsted Turns 200



Supervisor Wasserman celebrating the 200th anniversary of Frederick Law Olmsted's birth. Olmsted is considered the father of landscape architecture and designed three of Milwaukee County's most beloved parks.

Milwaukee Public Museum Secures Funding for New Home

On March 15th of this year, the County Board of Supervisors approved a proposal to contribute \$45 million in bonding to finance a new building for the Milwaukee Public Museum (MPM). The new museum has secured \$40 million in funding from the State of Wisconsin and is seeking \$5 million in federal grants. MPM plans to cover the remaining costs for the \$240 million project with a \$150 million private fundraising campaign.



Supervisor Wasserman attending the signing ceremony for a funding bill supporting the new Milwaukee Public Museum with County Executive David Crowley, County Board Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson, Milwaukee Public Museum President Ellen Censky, and Supervisor Felesia A. Martin.

Milwaukee County owns MPM's collections, including four million objects and specimens which are cared for by the museum. The resolution adopted by the County Board allows Milwaukee County to save \$2.5 million in operating support each year.

The current museum building has \$50 million in deferred maintenance, which caused the Accreditation Commission at the American Alliance of Museums to delay MPM's accreditation, risking the museum's ability to seek some federal grants and host traveling exhibits.

The new museum will be located at the northeast corner of Sixth and McKinley streets in downtown Milwaukee, near the Deer District. In July, MPM released renderings of the new building designed by the firms Ennead Architects and Kahler Slater. The new museum will have its own parking lot, which can be used for Fiserv Forum events.

MPM is the most visited museum in Wisconsin, with 550,000 annual visitors from every county, including 155,000 school-aged visitors from 44 counties. MPM hosts 287 outreach programs experienced by 25,000 people across the state each year. Construction on the new museum is expected to begin late next year and will likely be completed by Spring 2026.

Milwaukee County 3rd District Survey - Your Opinion Matters!

This survey is also available online at: tinyurl.com/District3Survey or through the QR code to the right.

All responses must be completed and returned by January 15, 2023.



SCAN HERE TO TAKE
SURVEY ONLINE

1. What should happen with the road running through Lake Park and under the Ravine Bridge?

- ☐ Re-opened to vehicles as it was previously
- ☐ Re-opened strictly as pedestrian/bike path
- ☐ Hybrid option where the road is sometimes closed to traffic
- ☐ No Opinion

2. The Mitchell Park Domes are in desperate need of repair. Milwaukee County has worked for years to find a solution. Funding issues due to a lack of community partners has severely challenged the Domes project. I have proposed legislation alongside many of my County Board colleagues – including Supervisor Juan Miguel Martinez, in whose district the Domes are located – to address the ongoing issues. Of the following options, which do you think should be taken?

- ☐ Complete restoration to original 1960s condition
- ☐ Reimagining the Domes facility with something new
- ☐ No repairs, demolition
- ☐ Other: _____

3. Should Milwaukee County residents be given the choice in a binding financial referendum on the future of the Domes (similar to school referendums), or should the Milwaukee County Board be given full responsibility for this decision?

- ☐ Public votes on a binding referendum
- ☐ Responsibility of the County Board
- ☐ No Opinion

4. Additional comments:

For e-updates, please provide your:

Email: _____

Full Name: _____ Address: _____

To submit by mail, please send to: **Sheldon Wasserman, Milwaukee County Courthouse, 901 N. 9th St., Rm 201, Milwaukee, WI 53233**

Oak Leaf Trail: Improvements, Repairs, and New UWM Connection



Use of the Oak Leaf Trail skyrocketed during the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, and we continue to see increasing numbers of people biking, walking, rolling, and running on the trail. Now thanks to \$4.4 million in grant funding received as part of the federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), I am happy to report that Milwaukee's beloved Oak Leaf Trail will soon receive some much-needed maintenance and modernization.

During periods of heavy rain, sections of the Oak Leaf Trail that are close to the Root River routinely flood — making the trail inaccessible and leaving behind deep cracks and sinkholes. This TAP funding will realign the trail outside of the flood zone, repair any infrastructure damage, and bring other sections of the trail up to modern standards.

In addition, a new ramp (dubbed by Milwaukee County Parks as the "Hampshire Access Project") will connect the Oak Leaf Trail to Cambridge Ave. at Hampshire St., providing a straight-shot connection to UWM's campus and offering student bicyclists an alternative route to reach their classes.



Supervisor Wasserman tours the Mitchell Park Domes alongside Milwaukee County Parks Infrastructure Manager Blake Prusak.



Supervisor Wasserman attending the International Kite Festival at Veteran's Park with Supervisor Kathleen Vincent.



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Aging and Disability Resource Center (414) 289-6874

Airports

Mitchell International Airport (414) 747-5300

Timmerman Airport (414) 461-3222

Child Support Enforcement (414) 615-2593

Clerk of Circuit Court (414) 278-5362

County Clerk (414) 278-4067

County Executive (414) 278-4211

County Treasurer (414) 278-4033

Courts

Civil Division (small & large claims)..... (414) 278-5362

Criminal Division (414) 278-4538

Children's Court..... (414) 257-7700

Dept. of Health and Human Services..... (414) 289-6897

District Attorney's Office..... (414) 278-4646

Election Commission (414) 278-4060

Emergency/Public Safety

Sheriff (non-emergency) (414) 278-4788

TDD Emergency..... (414) 278-5252

Burn Center Hotline (24 hours)..... (414) 272-2876

Emergency Management (24 hours)..... (414) 257-4709

Suicide Prevention/Intervention/
Mental Health Crisis (414) 257-7222

Fraud Hotline (414) 93-FRAUD

House of Correction..... (414) 427-4700

Jury Services

General Information..... (414) 278-4469

Reserve Juror Message..... (414) 985-6000

Marcus Performing Arts Center..... (414) 273-7121

Marriage Licenses/Passports/Fishing Lic...... (414) 278-4067

Medical Examiner..... (414) 223-1200

Milwaukee Art Museum (414) 224-3200

Milwaukee County Historical Society..... (414) 273-8288

Milwaukee County Parks

Boerner Botanical Gardens..... (414) 525-5600

General Information..... (414) 257-7275

Parks Hotline..... (414) 257-5100

Organized Sports..... (414) 257-8030

Golf Office (414) 257-8024

District 3 Parks

Back Bay..... (414) 962-8809

Bradford Beach (414) 962-8809

Cambridge Woods (414) 962-8809

Gilman Triangle..... (414) 962-8809

Juneau (414) 277-0851

Lake Park..... (414) 962-8809

McKinley (414) 273-5224

Prospect Triangle..... (414) 962-8809

Riverside (414) 962-8809

Veterans (414) 962-8809

War Memorial & Art Center Grounds (414) 273-5533

Milwaukee County Zoo (414) 771-3040

Milwaukee County Sports Complex..... (414) 281-2694

Milwaukee Public Museum (414) 278-2702

Municipalities

Milwaukee (414) 286-CITY (2489)

Office of Persons with Disabilities (414) 278-3932

Register in Probate (414) 278-4444

Register of Deeds (414) 278-4021

Rent Assistance..... (414) 278-4902

Transit System

Bus Routes/Schedules/Fares (414) 344-6711

Customer Comments..... (414) 937-3218

Transit Plus..... (414) 343-1700

UW-Extension..... (414) 256-4600

Veterans Services (414) 266-1234

Victim/Witness Service (414) 278-4667